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DELVER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Delver Sisters,

I want to take a few moments to express my holiday greetings to all of you. From the time I joined the Delver Woman's Club, Incorporated, the showering of kindness, friendship, diligence and love revered while participating in various club activities.

Many were laborious completing various duties at the Prayer Breakfast, Vesper Service, May Luncheon—just to name a few. All of you worked diligently and exuded your creativity in so many areas and exuding true meaning of Christian women working together.

It is about love, through the meaningful, life-long relationships we develop and the respect and concern we share for one another. This demonstrates how incredibly special the ladies are of the Delver Woman's Club.

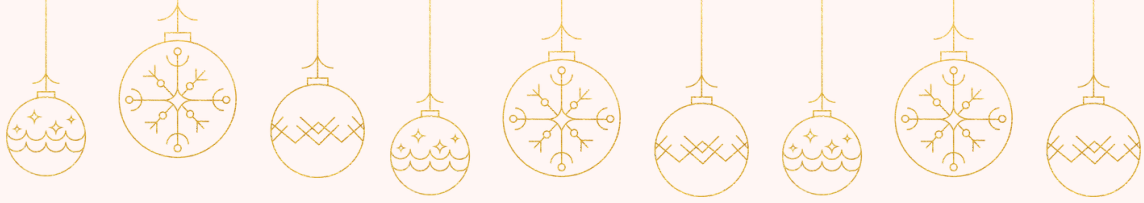
Christmas is the ultimate celebration of the most awesome act of love. John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of love and togetherness. Let us continue with the same Christmas "spirit" in participating in upcoming fundraisers, events and community service projects as the cornerstone and mission of Delver women.

May each of you and your loved ones enjoy a healthy and joyful holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

President
Lolita S. Moses





ART INTEREST GROUP

SUBMITTED BY ANNETTE D. MORRIS, CHAIRPERSON

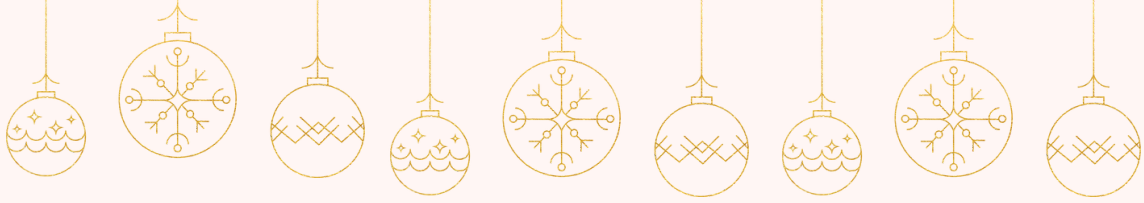
Esther C. Ivory is a founding member of the Richmond, Virginia-based Kuumba Afrikan-American Quilting Guild in October 2012. Our logo is the Adinkra symbol from West Africa called Ananse Ntontan (Spider Web) which means wisdom, creativity and the complexities of life. Formerly with the premiere African-American quilting guild, Sisters of The Yam, Esther is a member of a collective of quilters that also includes their expertise and showmanship when it comes to jewelry, basket and textile weaving, doll making, and mixed media, needlepoint, cross stitch, knitting, crochet, and stain glass artistry. Kumba is the sixth principle of the African-American holiday Kwanza meaning creativity. Esther's creative process is evident in her distinct passion for quilt-making. She demonstrates her love for genealogy, African textiles, as well as traditional and modern quilting materials and patterns. The 10th Anniversary commemorating the founding of the Kuumba quilting guild was facilitated by Esther with her equally talented daughter and fellow guild member India Ivory. Thus far, Esther's repertoire with the Kuumba Afrikan-American Quilting Guild has been exhibited with the following exhibitions and community service projects:



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

- Glenburnie Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Richmond, VA: donate lap quilts for the residents
- Baptist Children's Home in Petersburg, VA: crafted and donated no-sew fleece blankets to the youth residents
- Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation of Hampton Roads: Crafted and donated a Cancer Quilt towards a silent auction which raised \$850
- Sole Hope Project (Uganda, East Africa): cut and compiled denim shoe parts to be sent to Africa for assembly which would prevent pests called jiggers from invading the body via bare feet; and generate gainful employment and income for independent entrepreneurs





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GROUP FIBER ART EXHIBITIONS

Kaleidoscope: Rekindling A History, Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center, Sept. 15 – Nov. 14, 2022, Kuumba Afrikan American Quilters of Richmond, curated by Lauren Hall

2021 State Fair of Virginia Quilt Raffle, Coin Quilt facilitated by Kuumba member Tara Wilkerson with contributions by guild members, The Meadow Event Park, Caroline, County, October 2021

STOP the Pain, Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, Sept. – Dec. 2021, featuring Kuumba Afrikan-American Quilters of Richmond and photographer Derek Kannenmeyer, curated by Mary Lauderdale

Hampton 2019 400 Year Legacy Quilt (commemorating the arrival of the first Africans in America for slavery in August 1619), Hampton's 2019 Commemorative Commission and Hampton University Museum, assembled by the 54-40 African American Quilting Guild, hangs in Hampton's Convention and Bureau, August 2019
Kuumba was represented by the following participating members: Martha Jones-Carter, Valerie Parker, and Naima Wares-Akers

Representation Matters, Richmond Public Library, Downtown, Feb. 2019, Kuumba Afrikan American Quilters of Richmond, curated by Val Parker

Dark Waters, Spotlight Gallery at Pine Camp Cultural Arts Center, Richmond, VA, Feb. 8 – March 8, 2013, icicle dolls submitted by the Kuumba African American Quilt and Doll Guild, curated by Shaunn Casselle



DRAMA INTEREST GROUP

SUBMITTED BY DR. NORMA M. GOODE

In November, Delver members attended the memorial services of Dr. Norma M. Goode. Norma retired from Virginia Union University as Chairman, Division of Social Sciences. She was well known for leadership with the Grace Pleasants Forum during Community Learning Week, the National Association of Black Social Workers, the Friends of the North Avenue Library (Founder), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and many other educational, civic, and community organizations. Norma was the sixth president of the Delver Woman's Club. One of her greatest Club achievements was chairing the Club's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. This month long was a highlight in the Richmond community.

Norma served over fifty years as a member of the Drama Group. She was an officer (several times as chair), recruiter (getting family and friends to participate in the productions), and booking agent (securing sponsors and venues for our annual dinner theater productions). Her wisdom, wit, and work ethic will be greatly missed.

DELVER'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

The Drama Group will host the Club's Annual Breakfast Celebration on December 17 at Cedar Street Baptist Church. A Continental Breakfast will be served. Highlight of the program will be a short play, "God's Rainbow", written by Drama member, Betty Brewer.

MEMBERSGroup members have been busy in a variety of activities. See what Vivian, Goldie, and Lynette have been doing.



SUBMITTED BY LYNETTE SHORT EVELYN RODRIQUEZ, CHAIRPERSON

Lynette has her first granddaughter, Kamiya Nichole Short. Born 11/2/22, 7lbs.3 oz. Joshua Short, Jr. is a proud big brother and is enjoying 1st grade at Curtis Elementary in Chester, Va. The latest update on her preemie grandson Jaiden (SURVIVING twin). Jaiden is enjoying Kindergarten at Patrick Henry Elementary in RVA.

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SUBMITTED BY EVELYN RODRIQUEZ, CHAIRPERSON

During the month of November 2022, Vivian Minor was selected to serve as the Treasurer on the Board of Living the Dream, Inc. (formerly Community Learning Week). The annual breakfast is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2023, 7:30 a.m., Richmond Marriott-Downtown.



SUBMITTED BY LYNETTE SHORT/ EVELYN RODRIQUEZ CHAIRPERSON

As President of Chapter 420 at McGuire VAMC, Lynette and 6 coworkers represented well in October at the 42nd Annual Conference of the Nurses Organization of Veteran Affairs in New Orleans, LA. She thinks she had too many beignets and coffee!

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2022 IMPACT – GOLDIE W. SETTLES



J. Sargeant Reynold Community College, Educational Foundation, Celebrating 50 years. At their 2022 Impact Celebration, I was recognized for my educational scholarship contributions to the Culinary Arts Department in honor of my late husband, Clifton R. Settles, Jr.



THEIR RECOGNITION READS:

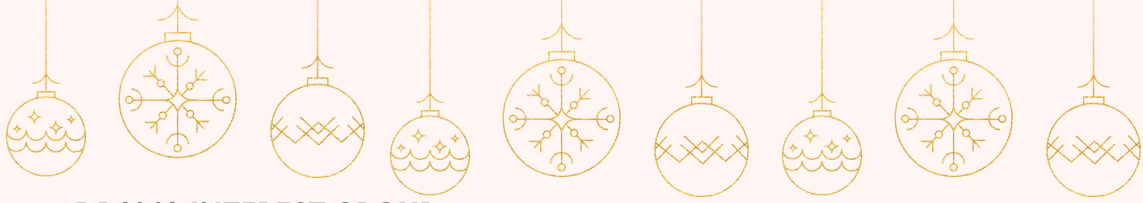
"Goldie, you continue to bless us through your gifts to honor Clifton's legacy. Your scholarship is such a help to our Culinary Arts students! As Reynolds Community College celebrates our 50th anniversary, we thank you for helping us achieve our vision: to be Greater Richmond's most trusted partner for education and a skilled workforce fostering a more just community through social and economic mobility."

Ernesto M. received the Clifton R. Settles, Jr. Scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year. Ernesto M. is a part-time student and lives in the East End of Henrico County. (Photo not available.)

JOHNATHAN WARLINGTON – 2019 RECIPIENT
CLIFTON R. SETTLES, JR.
CULINARY SCHOLARSHIP

ALSO, I HAVE ESTABLISHED THE DR. TALESIA L. CHANDLER
SCHOLARSHIP, IN MEMORY OF THE FIRST LADY OF CEDAR STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH OF GOD, WHO PASSED IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR
(2022).

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Submitted by Vivian A. Minor/ Evelyn Rodriguez, Chairperson



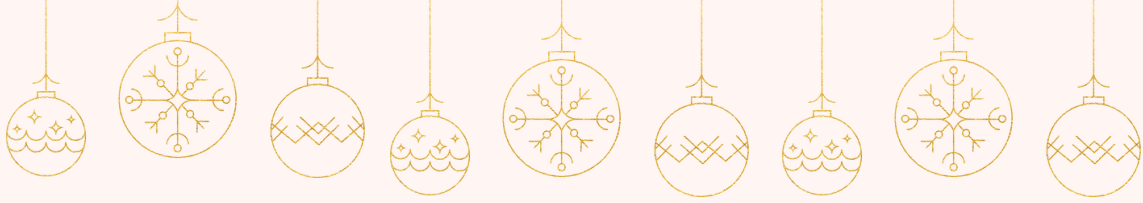
Sharing my latest addition to the family (Kannon L. Carter) on November 15, 2022. My adorable 14th great-grand. Happy Grandma Viv!

My grandson, Marc Minor, continues to impress. He has been nominated to The National Society of Leadership and Success at Virginia Tech University. He is now a sophomore. One of my twin grandsons (Davon Kersey, US Army Sergeant First Class (E-7) married Shereen Leverett in November 2021 but shared a wedding ceremony with family and friends in July 2022 in El Paso, Texas. He, along with his family, are now stationed in Pyeongtaek, South Korea. Please keep them in prayer.

Paula Missouri and I volunteered as a registrant for the General Baptist Convention, 123rd Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation, held at the Richmond Marriott Downtown on June 26-29, 2022. I attended the Children's Home of Virginia Baptists, Inc. virtual 75th Founder's Day Celebration on Saturday, July 16, 2022. On Saturday, August 30, 2022, I hosted the Drama Interest Group's annual luncheon at my home.

Lynette Short and I attended the October 30, 2022, performance of "Chicken and Biscuits" at the Virginia Repertory Theatre. Very enjoyable.





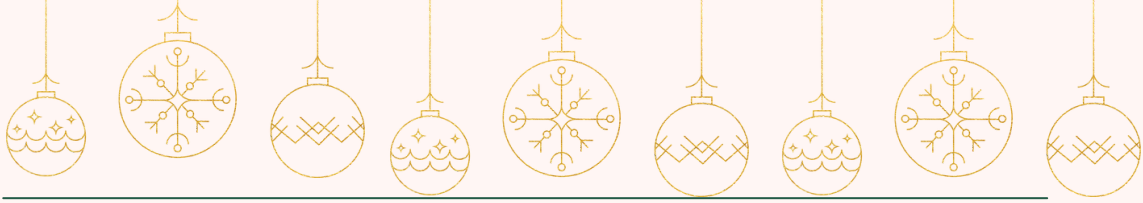
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS INTEREST GROUP



SUBMITTED BY MARY G. HERBIN, CHAIRPERSON

The International Relations Interest Group members purchased and wrapped gifts for their 2021 Christmas project. Mary Herbin and Carrie Crushshon delivered gifts to Caritas. The gifts consisted of clothing articles (sweaters, jackets, socks, hats, pajamas and scarves). Prior to leaving, the staff provided us a "mini" tour of the facility.



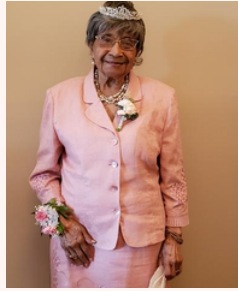


MUSIC INTEREST GROUP

SUBMITTED BY VIVIAN A. MINOR, CHAIRPERSON

Celebrating 100 Years, 90 Years, and 89 Years – Members of the Music Interest Group were able to celebrate three of our seasoned saints.

Honorary member, Mrs. Rosa J. Gentry celebrated her 100th birthday (July 18, 2022). For this milestone, she was showered with flowers from her interest group and the Delver Woman's Club, Inc. She also celebrated with a party at the Springs Recreation Center, 302 Lee Avenue, Henrico (Highland Springs), Virginia on July 17, 2022.



Member, Mrs. Helena S. Lewis, celebrated her 90th birthday (October 18, 2022) at Four Points by Sheraton – Richmond Airport, 4700 South Laburnum Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23231, on Sunday, October 23, 2022.



Member, Mrs. Bettie L. Gentry, celebrated her 89th birthday on October 28, 2022.



Honorary Member, Rebecca H. Mason celebrated her 89th birthday on December 7th.

The Music Interest Group was the host for the November 19, 2022, Parent Body meeting. The theme was: Thanksgiving and the Seven Main Characteristics of Music (Sound, Harmony, Melody, Rhythm, Tone, Musical Genre, and Cultural Diversity). Members read the meaning of each, followed by musical tones and songs of Thanksgiving.

From the Music Interest Group, we are sending... Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season. Be Blessed.



SOCIAL & CIVICS AFFAIRS

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY REID, CHAIRPERSON



The Social and Civic Interest Group decided with the suggestion of sister Lanueville Walker to give our annual Thanksgiving donation to the Feed More Organization instead of serving one family. The \$350.00 donation would be able to help numerous people in the communities. President Lolita Moses and Sister Paula K. Missouri presented the donation to the Feed More Organization. In November 2022 all the sisters were able to be an active participant in the voting process.

ANGEL TREE



We were able to help a male child from the Angel Tree with the Christmas donation with Christmas Gifts. Thanks to sister Erlyne Hamilton, president Lolita Moses and the sisters of the Social and Civic Interest Group both annual projects were a success.

YOUTH CONSERVATION INTEREST GROUP

OUTSTANDING INNOVATION IN FUNDRAISING HONOREE

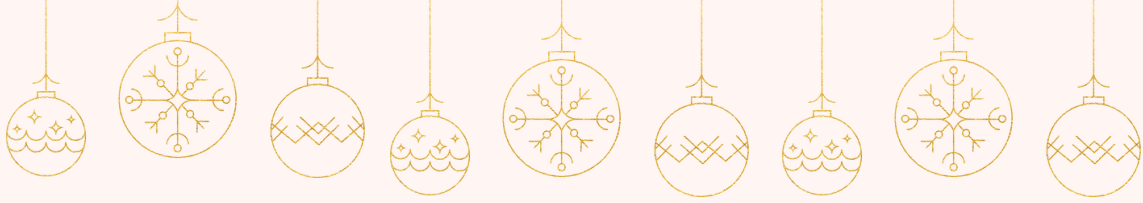
SUBMITTED BY VIVIAN ODEN/MILDRED BROOKS, CHAIRPERSON

Congratulations to sister Vivian Oden for being a 2022 Association of Fundraising Professionals Hampton Roads National Philanthropy Day honoree. On Monday, November 7, 2022, Vivian was recognized as the inaugural winner of the Outstanding Innovation in Fundraising Award for her work in identifying an incredible need within philanthropy to recognize the historical lack of intentional engagement within Communities of Color. Through her authentic relationship building, Vivian eventually presented "Missing Voices in Philanthropy," a project that sought to understand the racial and ethnic demographics in Hampton Roads and learn more about the motivations of giving in BIPOC communities. She serves as the Vice President for Equity and Inclusion at the Hampton Roads Community Foundation.



CELEBRATING WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

Service members and civil service employees gathered at Naval Station Norfolk to commemorate Women's Equality Day on August 24, 2022. Sister Vivian Oden was the keynote speaker for the celebration. Women's Equality Day is a tribute to the enduring efforts of gender equality, beginning with the inception of the suffrage movement in 1848. In 1973, Congress designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day to commemorate the 1920 certifications of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote in the United States. This year's theme was "Follow Your Yellow Brick Road." Vivian challenged the audience to "fight for women's equality whether you are a woman or an ally. It takes a collective group to bring about change. Go out and be great. Follow your yellow brick road."



INCLUSION MATTERS

Sister Vivian Oden was a workshop co-presenter at the 4th annual Virginia Inclusion Summit hosted by Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities on September 19, 2022, at The Westin Richmond in Richmond, Virginia. Her workshop was on "Using a Racial Equity Lens in Decision Making." This is her second year serving as a co-presenter. Vivian also serves as the secretary on the State Board of Directors.



RECOGNITION OF SISTER REBECCA H. MASON



In loving memory of Sister Rebecca H. Mason, and all her contributions, who has gone on to be with the Lord as of Dec. 10, 2022.

Sending thoughts and prayers to her loved ones, family and friends.



**... A SEASON FILLED WITH JOY
AND HOPE FOR YOU AND THOSE
YOU LOVE. MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

